

## Dr Sweta Chakraborty

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**AREAS OF RESEARCH: Sociology, Religion and NonReligion**

### POSITION(S) AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 01/2021- Present | Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology   |
| 10/2016- 2022    | PhD Research Scholar, School of Law and Governance, Dublin City University, Ireland<br>Thesis Title: 'Politics of Superstitions in India: Religion, Rationalism and Secularism' URL for website: <a href="https://irelandindia.ie/people/sweta-chakraborty/">https://irelandindia.ie/people/sweta-chakraborty/</a> |
| 06/2014-09/2016  | Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College Kolkata, India  |
| 12/2013-03/2015  | Research Associate, University of Delhi, India, Dept. of Sociology<br>Project Title: 'A Study of the Types of Stratification among Muslims in Kolkata, West Bengal'  |
| 08/2011-07/2013  | M.Phil Scholar, University of Hyderabad, India, Dept. of Sociology<br>Thesis Title: 'Navigating Identities: Social Biography of three Muslim women in Kolkata'   |
| 01/2012-11/2012  | Research Assistant, UPE Phase II, University of Hyderabad, India<br>Project Title: 'Contesting Crop Sciences: A Study on Understanding the Contexts of Alternative Knowledge Claims and Institutional Responses'   |
| 08/2009-07/2011  | Masters in Sociology, University of Hyderabad, India, Dept. of Sociology   |
| 04/2006-04/2009  | B.A. Honours in Sociology, St. Xavier's College Kolkata, India<br>Dissertation Title: 'Fear of the Muslim Stranger: Islamophobia among the Professional Classes in Kolkata'  |

### PUBLICATIONS

2020: Chakraborty, S. and Harikrishnan, S. 'Hinduism in Ireland' in *Handbook of Hinduism in Europe* edited by Kent Jacobsen, Muzaffar Alam and Johannes Bronkhorst, Brill.

2020: Chakraborty, S. 'The Fatigue of Belonging: Decolonising the Academia', Special Issue, *Religion and Gender*.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| 2021             | Awarded the Student Assistance Fund by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Republic of Ireland           |
| 10/2016 –10/2020 | <i>Ireland India Institute Doctoral Scholarship, Ireland India Institute/ School of Law and Government, Dublin City University/ Dublin (€1,00,000)</i> |
| 2019             | <i>Postgraduate Publication Scheme Grant, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dublin City University (€1,000)</i>                               |
| 06/2018          | <i>Bursary, Young South Asian Scholars Meet, University of Zurich, Switzerland, (€ 500)</i>  |
| 05/2017          | <i>Bursary, International Association for the study of Religion and Gender Summer School held at Maastricht Netherlands, 17-21 May. (€500)</i>         |
| 2013             | M.Phil Thesis nominated for Best Thesis Award, University of Hyderabad, India  |
| 2012             | Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET), University Grants Commission, India   |
| 2011-2012        | <i>BBL Scholarship for MPhil in Sociology, University Grants Commission, University of Hyderabad, India (Rs. 36,000)</i>                               |
| 2009-2011        | <i>BBL Scholarship for Masters in Sociology, University Grants Commission, University of Hyderabad, India (Rs. 24,000)</i>                             |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2021- Ongoing   | Assistant Professor, Sociology, St. Xavier's College Kolkata<br><b>Modules Designed:</b><br>'Contextualizing Modernities'<br>'Labour, Migration and Livelihoods'   |
| 09/2019         | Delivered Guest Lectures on "Social constructivism & Postmodernism & Postcolonialism" in Dublin City University as a part of Course titled 'Introduction to IR and Security Studies'   |
| 09/2019-01/2020 | Course Tutor, 'Core Skills and Methods for International Relations', Dublin City University, School of Law and Governance  |
| 06/2014-09/2016 | Assistant Professor, Sociology, St. Xavier's College Kolkata<br><b>Modules Designed and Taught:</b><br>'Nature, Body and Culture: A Sociological Introduction'<br>'Qualitative Research Methods'<br><b>Modules Taught:</b><br>Introduction to Sociology<br>Sociological Theories<br>Social Institutions<br>Quantitative Research Methods<br><b>Supervised 10 Undergraduate Dissertations</b> |

## **ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

07/2019 – 04/2020      Organiser, *Fourth Ireland India Institute Annual Conference* / Ireland  
07/2018 – 04/2019      Organiser, *Third Ireland India Institute Annual Conference* / Ireland  
07/2017 – 04/2018      Organiser, *Second Ireland India Institute Annual Conference* / Ireland  
07/2016 – 04/2017      Organiser, *Ireland India Institute Postgraduate Conference* / Ireland  
10/2010                      Organiser, *ZEST, Annual Seminar on Social Sciences*, Kolkata

## **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

02/2018 –                      Founding Member, Irish Association of South Asian Studies, Ireland  
05/2017 – Ongoing          Member, International Association of Religion and Gender

## **MAJOR COLLABORATIONS**

2017 – 2020. Sweta Chakraborty, Arpita Chakraborty and Lana Siri. Authors of a Special Issue of the journal *Religion and Gender*.

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND COURSES**

NVivo Introductory and Intermediary Course, QDA Training Limited, Dublin, 1 November 2017.  
Qualitative Research Module, DCU, 2016-2017.  
Quantitative Research Module, DCU, 2016-2017.  
Research Design Module, DCU, 2017-2018.  
Research Ethics Certificate Course, DCU, 2016-2017.  
Academic English Writing Skills Workshop, DCU, 2016-2017.  
Advanced Research Writing Course, DCU, 2019-2020  
SPSS and Statistical Methods Course, University of Hyderabad, 2012

## **KEY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

The Bacons of Bengal: An insight into the 'Science and Rationalist movement' in West Bengal. India  
2.0 Conference, St. Xavier's College Kolkata. March 2023.

From Baam to Jai Shri Ram: Shift from an Ideological Aim to an Identity based Claim in West Bengal . Elections and Violence: New Research on Actors, Targets and Strategies. University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

The Politics of Superstitions and Religious Fundamentalism in India. International and interdisciplinary workshop at Cluster of Excellence “Religion & Politics”, University of Munster, Germany. March 2021.

Navigating one’s ‘Muslimness’ in India’. *International Conference on Caste, Gender and Minority Questions in West Bengal and Bangladesh*, St. Xavier’s College Kolkata, India. 30 October 2019.

The Politics of Superstitions: Claims-Making of Rationalists and Hindu nationalists in India, *Young South Asian Scholars Meet*, University of Zurich, Switzerland, 15-17 June 2018.

The Fatigue of Belonging: Decolonising the Academia. *Thinking Gender Justice*. University College Dublin, Ireland, 22-24 May 2018.

Doing Social Biography: Case Study of Muslim Women in Kolkata. Ireland India Institute Conference on South Asia, Dublin City University, Ireland, 26 May 2017

The Triple Burden: Being Muslim, Woman and Migrant in Kolkata. *International Association of Religion and Gender*, University of Maastricht, Netherlands, 17-21 May 2017.

### **Academic Activities**

July 2022: Participated in Faculty Development Program on “The Nuance of Scientific Writing and Publishing” conducted by the All India Association for Christian Higher Education, New Delhi and Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai

April 2022: Chaired Panel on ‘Gender and Religion’. Ireland India Institute Conference on South Asia.

March 2022: Delivered three lectures on ‘Sociology of Media Studies’ as part of UGC-MOOC produced by EMMRC, St. Xavier’s College.

August 2021: Workshop on Academic Writing at Centre for Development Practice and Research, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.